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Dear Mr. McAllister:

I have been chosen chairman of the third biennial FASEB (Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology) Conference on Calcium and Cell Function. This meeting will be held July 9-14, 1989 at the Vermont Academy, Saxton Rivers, Vermont and is modeled after the Gordon Conferences. The following topics will be covered:

1. Hormonal Regulation of Ca^{++} Homeostasis
2. Ca^{++} Regulation in Excitable Cells
3. Ca^{++} Release Mechanisms
4. Ca^{++} Regulation of Smooth Muscle
5. Ca^{++} and the Protein Phosphorylation Cycle
6. Ca^{++} in Growth and Development
7. Novel Ca^{++} Control Mechanisms
8. Genetic Analysis of Ca^{++} Function
9. Structure and Function of Ca^{++} Binding Proteins

Vice-chairman of the conference is Dr. Kevin Campbell of the University of Iowa. About 36 participants from North America, Europe and Japan tentatively have accepted invitations depending on financial support. I have enclosed a list of these participants to provide a feeling of the high quality multidisciplinary nature of our meeting. This program and meeting are unique. Whereas other conferences are held on specific areas of Ca^{++} research, ours combines physiology, pharmacology, cell biology, biochemistry, molecular biology and the neurosciences. The remarkable progress made in this field over the past years will insure a timely and innovative conference in 1989. We are emphasizing how basic science has provided insight and application to problems of clinical relevance involving defects in Ca^{++} metabolism or action.

As always, the key to a successful conference is financial support. I am trying to raise about \$25,000 for partial support of participant's travel and registration expenses. Providing such support requires an average of \$1000 per scientist. I am writing you to inquire about securing a financial contribution. We hope to make funds available to young investigators as well as to the more senior invited speakers. The conference will be announced by FASEB in March of 1989. Judging from past experience many more applications will be received than can be accepted since attendance is limited to 150. It is imperative to involve young people in such a meeting, but they frequently have the most limited resources.